



Gladwin County Board of Commissioners COW Minutes, April 27, 2021

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met for the Committee of the Whole Meeting, on April 27, 2021. Chairperson Karen Moore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said; All commissioners were present.

Public Comment

_ Chairperson Moore recommended that residents sign up to receive Four Lakes Task Force (FLTF) newsletters. Would still like to have a townhall meeting, pending FLTF news flash. Chairperson Moore reminded residents that public comment is 5 minutes.

_ Gayle Reid had questions about the process for receiving bids on the concrete step project. There was concern over the amount of money that may or may not be saved. Noted that an Architect had been hired for this project in the past. Computer concerns were stated, believes the board should look into leasing computers in the future.

_ Andre Shepcheck, of Hay township commented on last week's FLTF videos, who gave Dave Kepler permission to use county property to conduct business, he would like to see the documentation on this. Asked about accountability and would like to know where the authority of the FLTF ends.

_ Joel Vernier, Secord Township Supervisor discussed a grant received by Mid Michigan Community Action Agency and a well project being worked on. Discussion was had on the steps involved in this project, the challenges with real estate and permits, as well as delays created with drilling in winter. Would like help from the county on Point-of-Sale ordinances within the township to help alleviate these challenges and to work out a system to escrow at closing.

_ Kelly Bax discussed the Tobacco Dam, and a potential crack created by EGLE. Asked about the FOIA request that was denied and if the commissioners looked at the emergency management plan. Discussion was had on emails that were sent by Ms. Bax; email was read. The reply to Ms. Bax' email from Midland County was also read.

No other comments

City Administrator Report – none

County Affairs

1. New Commissioner for District 3, Michael Szuch was introduced. Committee assignments were discussed.

County Facilities and Transportation-

1. Formal Bid opening for the removal of the demolition and removal of concrete steps, one bid received - 3/11/21, Grieves Trucking - \$4625. Conversation about the bid was had. Discussion on the former architect mentioned during public comment; Fund 245 Courthouse Preservation Fund has a balance of \$46,433.69 .

Data

1. Shelter Software Program, Interim Administrator Maveal – discussion on the needs of the animal shelter for software, and the cost associated with that. Software has been reviewed by IT Right.

511 Council – none

Gladwin Parks and Recreation – none

Insurance

- 1 -Blue Cross Blue Shield Network group enrollment for the Gladwin County Inmates was discussed. This is an annual renewal and has been reviewed by the county attorney.

Memorial Restoration - none

MERS - none

Public Safety – none

Personnel

- 1 - Chairperson Moore discussed the hiring process for the Interim Administrator. Would like to have an outside company to evaluate the resumes for an objective recommendation. Conversation was had about the cost associated with that process, and discussion on MAC resources.
- 2- Commissioner Rick Grove welcomed the new District 3 Commissioner.

Finance

- 1 – Use of Fund 369 for the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funding. Treasurer VanTiem spoke about the process for setting up this fund and transfers to the general fund. Further conversation on how the money can be spent.

Report from Civil Attorney –

- 1- Attorney Hoerauf discussed the Four Lakes Task Force Guidelines for Secord, Smallwood, Wixom and Sanford Lakes. Conversation on dangers and problems with newly exposed lake bottoms. Additional conversation on the authority of the Board to create an ordinance and the lack of resources to enforce it. Guidelines are a reasonable approach to an unenforceable ordinance.

No additional discussion. Meeting closed at 9:53 a.m.

Karrie Hulme, County Clerk

Karen Moore, Chairperson